THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR TO THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR DIVIDED BY THE PER PUPIL BASIC CURRENT EXPENSE FIGURE FROM THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.

- (4) "PER PUPIL BASIC CURRENT EXPENSE FIGURE" MEANS THE FIGURE CALCULATED FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 5-202 OF THIS ARTICLE.
- (5) "WEIGHTED ENROLLMENT GROWTH" MEANS THE PRODUCT OF 0.2 TIMES THE CHANGE IN THE 4-YEAR AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT FROM THE 3RD THROUGH THE 6TH PRIOR SCHOOL YEARS TO THE 2ND THROUGH THE 5TH PRIOR SCHOOL YEARS DIVIDED BY THE 4-YEAR AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT FROM THE 3RD THROUGH THE 6TH PRIOR SCHOOL YEARS.
- (B) THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF SHALL RECEIVE AN APPROPRIATION EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THE SUM OF:
- (1) 75% OF THE PRIOR YEAR APPROPRIATION MULTIPLIED BY THE PRODUCT OF:
- (I) THE SUM OF THE WEIGHTED ENROLLMENT GROWTH PLUS ONE; AND
- (II) THE SUM OF THE GROWTH IN THE PER PUPIL BASIC CURRENT EXPENSE FIGURE PLUS ONE, AND
- (2) 25% OF THE PRIOR YEAR APPROPRIATION MULTIPLIED BY THE SUM OF THE WEIGHTED ENROLLMENT GROWTH PLUS ONE. 8-415.
- (d) (1) In this subsection, "basic cost" as to each county, means the average amount spent by the county from county, State, and federal sources for the public education of a nonhandicapped child. "Basic cost" does not include amounts specifically allocated and spent for identifiable compensatory programs for disadvantaged children.

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- (b) (1) The Governor may not reduce an appropriation to the Legislative Branch or the Judicial Branch of the State government.
 - (2) The Governor may not reduce an appropriation for:
 - (i) payment of the principal of or interest on the State debt;
- (ii) public schools, INCLUDING THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF; or
 - (iii) the salary of a public officer, during the term of office.